

GOT ONE VOTE  
AND THE JOB

Sewickley Colored Preacher Elected Justice of the Peace, But Have to Fight for the Position—Nowsy Notes of Interest for Afro-American Readers.

The quiet city of Sewickley is all torn up over the discovery that at the recent borough election Rev. Eli J. McKnight, the pastor of the A. M. E. Church of that town, who was a candidate for council and suffered defeat, was probably elected as a justice of the peace. There were two to elect, and only two candidates were named. Rev. McKnight received but one vote for the position, but the election officers declared him a successful candidate.

They have since refused him a certificate, and it may require a judicial



REV. E. J. MCKNIGHT

decision to settle the matter. If decided in his favor, Rev. McKnight will have the honor of being the first colored man ever elected to such a position in Western Pennsylvania.

E. J. McKnight was born April 15th, 1868, in Holmes county, Mississippi, graduated from Alcorn University in 1888 taught school in his native state two years and afterwards in Arkansas two years, joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church at Springfield, in 1888, and in 1889 was licensed to preach by Rev. J. W. Ray, at Wheeling, W. Va. He received his first appointment from the late Bishop D. A. Payne in 1889, was ordained an elder in 1890 by Bishop B. F. Lee and has pastored churches at Morgantown, W. Va., Waynesburg and McGovern, Pa., Clean, N. Y., and his present charge at Sewickley. He also conducts a grocery store and is the owner of a horse valued at \$2,000. He is popular among all classes, and will make a strong fight for what he believes to be his rights.—EX.

## TOWN TOPICS.

The Daily Record is to be enlarged.

Mrs. John P. Green is on the sick list.

Messrs. Silence Bros. of 430 8th St. N. W. will open their cafe to the public April 1st.

Recorder H. P. Cheatham has returned from a happy hunting trip through North Carolina.

Mr. James Aikens, late of Manhall, Pa., and formerly a traveling representative of The Colored American, is no longer connected with the paper.

Dr. Frank J. Webb will speak on "Trusts" tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. at the Second Baptist Lyceum. The subject is a meaty one, and it is expected that the discussion will be warm. Miss Georgia Makell will sing.

Mr. A. R. Peters has secured the Jones hotel and club house on the Great Falls line and will open up a first class buffet and cafe this season. He is making many improvements in the old building and will be ready for business about April 15th.

The Pen and Pencil Club has secured permanent quarters at 1706 10th street, and will hold its next meeting there on

Thursday evening, April 4th. The club now aggregates more than thirty members and has become a power among the reading people of the country.

Efforts are being made to have Mr. Daniel Murray, who so successfully prepared the literary exhibit for the Colored Department at the Paris Exposition, arrange a supplementary exhibit of Negro books for the Buffalo Exposition, bringing the collection up to date and materially enlarging it. Mr. Murray has the matter under consideration.

Mrs. Sallie Wells Cuffly, the daughter of Col. Richard Wells of the Mexican Legation, is in the city for a few days with her baby son. She was married to Mr. Cuffly, a letter carrier of Portsmouth, Va., where she now resides. Mrs. Cuffly has a host of friends in this city who are making her stay a pleasant one.

The Tabasco Club gave a steamed oyster supper Friday evening, March 15, at 229 New Jersey avenue. The members of this club are all white, but as honorary guests Messrs. Gray and Cosley, Gaskins and Gaines and A. L. Manly and E. E. Cooper were invited. A most enjoyable evening was spent and wit, music and mirth reigned supreme.

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A grand reception was tendered Bishop G. W. Clinton and wife by the members of Galbraith A. M. E. Zion church last Wednesday evening, March 27th. The tables which were bountifully laden with the good things of the season were in charge of the stewardesses board with Mrs. Mary Shaw, president. Mr. C. H. Anderson, chairman of the reception committee, arranged a most excellent literary program which was carried out to the letter.

The gossips and scandal mongers are wagging their tongues again. The latest malicious morsel is a rumor concerning Dr. Shadd's children who have been sent away to school. It is said there is absolutely no truth in the rumor and that Dr. Shadd will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law those responsible for this rumor. He will push the prosecution not only in the defense of his own children but for other young people who may have the good fortune to go away from home to colleges and universities.

Mrs. Julia Mason Layton read a most interesting paper on Home and Foreign Missions at Annapolis, Md., March 17, at 3 p.m. at Mt. Maria A. M. E. church. She spent the day in Maryland's capitol and was royally received. The house where she was staying was literally crowded with prominent visitors during her entire stay. The Grand Army, the Women's Relief Corps, Sons and Daughters of the Veterans, United Missionary Society, and the stewardesses of the church were out in large numbers and presented her with a magnificent bouquet of the choicest flowers. She took the 6:15 p.m. train for Washington.

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As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

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To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 8 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00, either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$37.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three (3) Classes:—Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues are payable annually or quarterly.

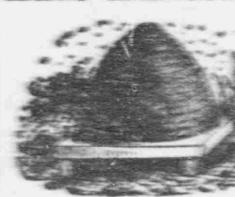
In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.50. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$900.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues, \$21 to \$35. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1,000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Classe B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

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 THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:

### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$8,272.80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages	164,423.85
Due from National Banks	48,888.22
Banking House	14,000.00
Other real estates	99,588.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,850.00
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,338.99
Specie, nickels and cents	12,339.80
Paper currency	35,820.00
Total	391,120.84

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	88,125.00
Surplus fund	80,957.81
Undivided profits	6,826.80
Demand certificate of deposit	96,785.29
Time certificates of deposit	118,424.74
Total	391,120.84

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well-equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folks' Home". With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, not even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 18 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases 19 buildings.

For any further information, address

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